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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims below will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1-42. (canceled)

43.(Currently amended) An apparatus comprising a mattress person support having a periphery and an upwardly facing surface, and a crib structure configured to support the mattress person support, the crib structure having a pair of spaced apart end units, each end unit having a top surface, the crib structure having a plurality of crib rail assemblies positioned about the periphery of the mattress person support and movable vertically relative to the mattress person support and relative to the end units, each of the crib rail assemblies having a top edge, the crib rail assemblies being movable to a position in which the top surfaces of the end units, the top edges of the crib rail assemblies, and the upwardly facing surface of the mattress person support are substantially coplanar.

44.(Canceled)

45.(Currently amended) An apparatus comprising a patient person support surface having a periphery and an upwardly facing surface, and

a crib structure configured to support the patient person support surface, the crib structure having a pair of spaced apart end units, each end unit having a top surface, the crib structure having a plurality of crib rail assemblies positioned about the periphery of the patient person support surface and movable vertically relative to the patient person support surface and relative to the end units, each of the crib rail assemblies having a top edge, the crib rail assemblies being movable to a position in which the top surfaces of the end units and the top edges of the crib rail assemblies are at substantially coplanar with or below the upwardly facing surface of the patient person support surface.

46.(New) The apparatus of claim 45, wherein the person support comprises a mattress.

47.(New) The apparatus of claim 45, wherein the plurality of crib rail assemblies comprises at least one siderail and at least one endrail.

48.(New) The apparatus of claim 47, wherein the at least one siderail is movable between a raised position and a lowered position through an intermediate position, and the at least one endrail is movable between a raised position and a lowered position.

49.(New) The apparatus of claim 48, wherein, when the at least one siderail and the at least one endrail are in their respective raised positions, the top edges of the at least one siderail and the at least one endrail are substantially coplanar.

50.(New) The apparatus of claim 48, wherein, when the at least one siderail and the at least one endrail are in their respective raised positions, the top edges of the at least one siderail and the at least one endrail are higher in elevation than the top surfaces of the end units.

51.(New) The apparatus of claim 48, wherein, when the at least one siderail is in the intermediate position and the at least one endrail is in the lowered position, the top edges of the at least one siderail and the at least one endrail are substantially coplanar.

52.(New) The apparatus of claim 48, wherein, when the at least one siderail is in the intermediate position and the at least one endrail is in the lowered position, the top edges of the at least one siderail and the at least one endrail and the top surfaces of the end units are substantially coplanar.

53.(New) The apparatus of claim 48, wherein, when the at least one siderail and the at least one endrail are in their respective lowered positions, the top edge of the at least one siderail is lower in elevation than the top edge of the at least one endrail.

54.(New) The apparatus of claim 48, wherein, when the at least one siderail and the at least one endrail are in their respective lowered positions, the top edge of the at least one siderail is lower in elevation than the top surfaces of the end units.

55.(New) The apparatus of claim 48, wherein the adjacent portions of the at least one siderail and the at least one endrail cooperate to form a passageway through which a medical line may be routed.

56.(New) The apparatus of claim 48, wherein the person support is movable vertically between a raised and a lowered position relative to the at least one siderail, at least one endrail and the end units.

57.(New) The apparatus of claim 56, wherein, when the at least one siderail and the at least one endrail are in their respective raised positions and the person support is in the raised position, the top edges of the at least one siderail and the at least one endrail are higher in elevation than the upwardly facing surface of the person support.

58.(New) The apparatus of claim 56, wherein, when the at least one siderail is in the intermediate position, the at least one endrail is in the lowered position and the person

support is in the raised position, the top edges of the at least one siderail and the at least one endrail and the upwardly facing surface of the person support are substantially coplanar.

59.(New) The apparatus of claim 56, wherein, when the at least one siderail is in the intermediate position, the at least one endrail is in the lowered position and the person support is in the raised position, the top edges of the at least one siderail and the at least one endrail, the upwardly facing surface of the person support and the top surfaces of the end units are substantially coplanar.

60. (Amended) The apparatus of claim 56, wherein, when the at least one siderail is in the intermediate position, the at least one endrail is in the lowered position and the person support is in the raised position, the person support is generally at a height providing convenient access by a person to the upwardly facing surface of the person support without having to bend substantially at the person's waist.

61.(New) The apparatus of claim 56, wherein, when the at least one endrail, the at least one side rail and the person support are in their respective lowered positions, the top edge of the at least one endrail is higher in elevation than the upwardly facing surface of the person support, and the top edge of the at least one siderail is substantially coplanar with the upwardly facing surface of the person support.

62.(New) The apparatus of claim 56, wherein, when the at least one endrail, the at least one side rail and the person support are in their respective lowered positions, the top edge of the at least one endrail is higher in elevation than the upwardly facing surface of the person support, the top edge of the at least one endrail is substantially coplanar with the top surfaces of the end units, and the top edge of the at least one siderail is substantially coplanar with the upwardly facing surface of the person support.

63.(New) The apparatus of claim 56, wherein, when the at least one endrail, the at least one siderail and the person support are in their respective lowered positions, the person support is generally at a height providing convenient access to the upwardly facing surface of the person support by a person seated near the person support.